

Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship



Operation Homefront and the Women's Self Worth Foundation are proud to announce the Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship.

The scholarship award is offered to wives of uniformed service members to attend vocational training programs in the medical field. Fifteen (15) \$8,500* scholarships and five (5) \$10,000* scholarships will be awarded for tuition for vocational training in one of the following fields: dental assistant, medical assistant, medical billing and coding specialist, medical insurance technician, patient care assistant/technician, nurse assistant training program, or medical transcription. Two (2) \$30,000* scholarships will be awarded for tuition for vocational nursing programs. The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition expenses only -- no books or other fees included. All funds are paid directly to the educational institution. Twenty-two (22) scholarships totaling \$237,500* will be given.

*The stated amounts are the maximum amounts awarded under each scholarship, but the actual amount paid out may be different than the stated amount because the scholarship awards may be used only for tuition charges, and not towards books, room/board, class fees or similar charges.

Grant recipients will be required to participate in twelve (12) hours of community service for each year in which they are recipients of grant funds. A recipient may choose any activity she would like to do, as long as the service is performed on a voluntary basis for individuals and/or groups beyond her immediate family. Each grant recipient will be required to submit written confirmation that she has completed her community service requirement at the end of the relevant calendar year.

Applications will be accepted from March 1, 2011 – May 1, 2011. The scholarships will be awarded to recipients on July 1, 2011. Selection for the scholarships will be made by a panel of judges, and the award will be scored in two areas: the applicant's response to the essay question and her commitment to volunteerism. Applicants must follow instructions carefully and complete the application in its entirety to be considered.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The applicant must be a legal wife of a military member currently serving on active duty, whether active duty, Reserve or a member of the United States National Guard (Members of the Reserves or National Guard are considered the same as active duty if they have served at least 180 combined days of full-time military duty since January 1, 2008).
2. The applicant must be accepted by a vocational school in one of the required fields or expect to be accepted by the same.
3. The applicant must begin using the funds within twelve (12) months of the scholarship award and the scholarship must be completed within forty-eight (48) months of the award. All funds will be paid directly to the educational institution by Operation Homefront upon verification of enrollment and eligibility status.

COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN May 1, 2011.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Only applications that are complete and are submitted in accordance with the guidance provided in this application will be forwarded to the selection committee for review. Applicants are asked to pay close attention to page 9 of this document for a checklist for appropriate submissions.

All applicants will be required to submit proof of military dependency (military ID card or DD Form 1172) and proof of volunteer hours if selected as an award recipient.

The five-person selection committee is independent of the Operation Homefront Board of Directors.

Winners will be notified in writing by July 1, 2011.

NOTE: SEE THE APPLICATION CHECKLIST ON PAGE 9

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

INCOMPLETE, LATE OR IMPROPERLY SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE FORWARDED TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

THE APPLICATION MUST BE MAILED AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN May 1, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning the application process, please write:

Operation Homefront
8930 Fourwinds Drive, Suite 340
San Antonio, TX 78239

Applications are available at www.operationhomefront.net/scholarship.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Please complete this page. Type or print all responses. Note those sections that concern the specific scholarship for which you are applying.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAM I AM OR EXPECT TO BE ATTENDING:

<input type="checkbox"/> Dental Assistant	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Transcription	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Insurance Technician
<input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Assistant Training Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Billing and Coding Specialist
<input type="checkbox"/> Patient Care Assistant/Technician	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational Nursing

APPLICANT'S NAME:

LAST FIRST MI

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

APPLICANT'S PHONE NUMBER:

HOME (____) _____

WORK (IF APPLICABLE) (____) _____

APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS:

SPOUSE'S FULL NAME:

RANK LAST FIRST MI

SPOUSE'S PHONE NUMBERS:

HOME (____) _____

WORK (IF APPLICABLE) (____) _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

<input type="checkbox"/> School counselor	<input type="checkbox"/> www.operationhomefront.net
<input type="checkbox"/> Soldiers' Angels	<input type="checkbox"/> Ombudsman/FRG
<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Key volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Another military spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Education center
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor's chain of command	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Under authority of U.S. Title 10, Section 3012, the enclosed personal information will be maintained by Operation Homefront for administrative use and released to the individuals evaluating the application. The disclosure of the information is voluntary. However, failure to disclose all or part of the requested information may hinder evaluation of the application. I certify that the information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be disqualified if I have included false information in this application. I agree to abide by the conditions of the scholarship program and the decision of the scholarship program's selection panel and in no way shall question their selection of the winners and alternates.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

ALL APPLICANTS MUST READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING:

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I, _____, hereby give my consent to Operation Homefront, an Arizona corporation, and the Women's Self Worth Foundation, a California corporation, to release information concerning my application for the Saban Military Wife Educational Scholarship. I also understand that Operation Homefront and the Women's Self Worth Foundation will both share the rights, title, and interests to the application and all documentation submitted as part of the scholarship application and all rights thereto.

Applicants shall fully indemnify and hold Operation Homefront and the Women's Self Worth Foundation harmless from any third party claims, losses, liabilities, damages, cost and expenses (including attorneys' fees and related costs which shall be reimbursed as incurred).

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

MEDIA/PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant, Operation Homefront, an Arizona corporation, and the Women's Self Worth Foundation, a California corporation, my permission/consent to participate in interviews, with free use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or video tapes for use in media, Internet and social media related content/photographic/video images taken of myself and/or my dependents. I also grant the right to edit, use and reuse said products and content by Operation Homefront and the Women's Self Worth Foundation, which shall also have all rights, title and interests to the image(s) and the copyrights thereto and all the related rights for their entire terms, including renewal, free and clear of all encumbrances. I also hereby release Operation Homefront and the Women's Self Worth Foundation, their agents and employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

SUMMARY OF APPLICANT EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE/ESSAY

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, please restate each question and provide a complete response. Please type and double-space all responses. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE SHEETS.**

1. IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, BEGINNING WITH THE MOST RECENT, LIST ALL SCHOOLS YOU HAVE ATTENDED SINCE YOU GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL. IF YOU DID NOT GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL, LIST THE SCHOOLS YOU HAVE ATTENDED SINCE GRADE 9.

Please use the following format:

School name----Location of school----Dates attended----Graduation Date/Projected Date (if applicable) ---- Grade Point Average

If you have begun taking college credits, please note after the “dates attended” the number of credits you have completed. If you have completed a GED, please note that information under “School Name,” noting the date the degree was awarded.

Example:

ABC Community College Camp Anywhere, USA August 2005 – Present 6 credit hours completed 4.0 GPA

2. IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, LIST ALL VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES **CURRENTLY** ENGAGED IN ON A REGULAR AND CONSISTENT BASIS.

(For example, family readiness Group leader, ombudsman, animal shelter, Operation Homefront chapter, PTA, athletics, church activities, community service.) Please include the number of hours per week on average spent participating in these activities.

Example:

County Historical Museum Camp Anywhere, USA May 2007 – Present 4 hours/week
Position: Tour Guide

ABC Animal Shelter Camp Anywhere, USA April 2008 – Present 10 hours/week
Position: I walk dogs and clean out pet kennels.

(Note: Volunteerism is a key component to this scholarship award. If tentatively selected as a winner, you will be required to provide written proof of current volunteer hours prior to formal selection.)

3. IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER, LIST ALL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD AND AWARDS/HONORS EARNED DURING THE LAST FOUR YEARS.

Example:

Treasurer, Spouses Club Camp Anywhere, USA May 2007 – 2008

Family Readiness Group B-Company, Camp Anywhere, USA August – November 2007

SUMMARY OF APPLICANT EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE/ESSAY (continued)

4. LIST ALL HOBBIES/INTERESTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS 1-3. Please describe the hobby and the length of time you have been involved with this activity.

Example:

I am actively involved with my PTA but do not volunteer on a weekly or consistent basis. I am available to help with PTA meetings, field trips, and assemblies as needed. I have been involved with this PTA for about six months.

5. ESSAY, IN 300 WORDS OR LESS ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

How, besides being a military wife, do you feel you have contributed to making your community a better place?

Neatness, grammatical accuracy and creativity should be given emphasis when writing this essay.

Also, please note that every word is counted towards the 300-word limit.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

The letter of recommendation must be from a nonprofit organization or other group with whom you have volunteered within the last twelve (12) months.

TO THE AUTHOR:

1. Please address the letter to the Operation Homefront scholarship selection committee.
2. The selection committee recommends that you address the following areas in your letter: average number of hours volunteered on a weekly basis, volunteer duties and importance of those duties to the organization.
3. Within the letter, please note your relationship to the applicant.
4. Seal the letter of recommendation in an envelope with your signature over the seal. Write the applicant's name on the front of the envelope.
5. Return the completed letter in the sealed envelope to the applicant. All letters must be submitted to the Operation Homefront scholarship selection committee as part of the entire application packet in a single mailing.
6. Completed applications must be postmarked on or before July 1, 2011.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please complete this checklist to ensure that the application is complete and properly submitted. Once again, incomplete or improperly submitted applications will not be forwarded to the selection committee.

Please submit the required components in the following order:

- _____ Complete the Applicant Information (page 3).
- _____ Sign the Privacy Statement, Release of Liability, and Photo Release (pages 4 and 5).
- _____ Complete the Summary of Applicant Education/Experience (pages 6 and 7) according to the instructions on your own paper. PLEASE PROOF ALL WORK.
- _____ Include your response to the essay question (page 7). Essays over 300 words will not be forwarded to the selection committee. PLEASE PROOF ALL WORK.
- _____ Include the letter of recommendation. The letter must be placed in a sealed envelope with the author's signature over the seal (page 8).
- _____ Place all of the above in a single envelope addressed to:

Operation Homefront's Scholarship Program
8930 Fourwinds Drive, Suite 340
San Antonio, Texas 78239
- _____ The complete application and packet must be mailed to the address above and postmarked no later than July 1, 2011.

REMINDER:

Volunteerism is a key component to this scholarship award; therefore, if tentatively selected as a winner, you will be required to provide official high school or college transcripts and written proof of current volunteer hours within 10 days of notification and prior to formal selection.

Late applications will not be forwarded to the selection committee.